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FROM US REP ICAO

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SUBJ: ICAO - STATUS NAOS AGREEMENT - JOINT SUPPORT COMMITTEE
MEETING, MAY 3, 1973

REF: A) STATE 081374; B) STATE 050258

1. AT OPENING MEETING, CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT MOST RECENT PRO-
TOCOL TO NAOS AGREEMENT NOW HAS REQUIRED SIGNATURES TO BRING
INTO FORCE.

2. SINCE U. S. REP. HAS RECEIVED NO FURTHER WORD FROM DEPARTMENT
RE INTERIM PHASEDOWN OCEAN STATIONS (REFTEL B), UK CHAIRMAN JSC
ENDEAVOURING TREAT AS " IMPORTANT BUT SEPARATE MATTER." ONLY
BELGIUM BROUGHT UP SUBJECT DURING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION, SAYING
THAT ALL OBLIGATIONS OF ALL STATES SHOULD GO TO MIDDLE NEXT
YEAR FOR TRANSFER TO WMO. HE URGED LIQUIDATION MEETING ASAP
(SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER) WITH NO PREMATURE OR EARLY WITHDRAWAL.

3. SECRETARIAT REPORTED DISCUSSION WITH GLAZER/ GENEVA/ WMO,
INDICATING BROAD CONFERENCE THREE WEEKS STARTING OCTOBER 30,
PARIS REGIONAL OFFICE, PURELY FROM MET POINT VIEW. ICAO
SECRETARIAT ATTENDING ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HAGUE MAY 7/8.
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4. EXTENSIVE BUT LOOSE DISCUSSION LED TO DECISIONS: A. MUST BE SOME KIND OF MEETING, B. PROBABLY BROAD SCALE OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER 1973, C. SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE DRAFT WP FOR COMMITTEE TO COUNCIL, AFTER ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HAGUE MAY 7/8. JSC WILL MEET TO CONSIDER ON MAY 17.

5. US REP WISHES ND OF VIOLATION HER CIVIL RIGHTS).

3. DEPARTMENT PRESS GUIDANCE FOLLOWS (NO QUESTIONS ASKED AT MAY 7 NOON BRIEFING):

Q: DOES STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY COMMENT ON YESTERDAY' S WASHINGTON POST STORY CONCERNING MISS HARDING?

A: NO.

Q: WHAT ABOUT HER ALLEGATIONS THAT SHE WAS TORTURED BY BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES?

A: I CAN ONLY REPEAT WHAT I SAID PREVIOUSLY ON THIS SUBJECT; OUR EMBASSY REPORTED, AS A RESULT OF ITS VISITS TO SEE MISS HARDING, THAT SHE DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN MISTREATED AND WAS IN GOOD SPIRITS. DURING THESE VISITS SHE WAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED IF SHE HAD BEEN MISTREATED, AND SHE SAID SHE HAD NOT.

Q: WHAT ABOUT THE DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL WHICH SHE SAID WAS TURNED OVER TO EMBASSY OFFICIALS?

A: THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A DOSSIER SUCH AS DESCRIBED BY MISS HARDING. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL, HOWEVER, IN CASES INVOLVING AMERICAN CITIZENS ACCUSED OF CRIMES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, FOR THE AUTHORITIES TO SHOW U. S. OFFICIALS THE EVIDENCE THEY POSSESS, AND THEY SOMETIMES PROVIDE DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE CASE. I ASSUME THAT THIS WAS DONE IN HER CASE.

Q: WHY DID IT TAKE THE U. S. OVER A MONTH TO SECURE HER RELEASE?

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A: SHE WAS ACCUSED OF SERIOUS CRIMINAL ACTS UNDER BOLIVIAN LAW, THERE WAS REPORTEDLY EVIDENCE AGAINST HER, AND SHE CONFESSED HER GUILT. ACCORDINGLY, THE U. S. HAD NO BASIS TO DEMAND HER RELEASE. CONVERSELY, THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT COULD HAVE PROSECUTED AND, IF SHE HAD BEEN FOUND GUILTY, IMPRISONED HER.

Q: WHY WAS SHE RELEASED?

A: THAT QUESTION WOULD BEST BE REFERRED TO THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT.

4. SINCE DEPARTMENT HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING ALLEGED DOSSIER TURNED OVER TO EMBASSY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENT AS TO VERACITY THIS REPORT AND, IF TRUE, DISPOSITION DOSSIER. ROGERS

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